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SUBJECT:STRUCTURE OF MULTILATERAL MEETINGS  
REF: STATE 146222

1. RESPONSES FROM POSTS OF COUNTRIES WHOSE COS WILL BE IN  
PANAMA INDICATE GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH FOUR TOPICS CON-  
TAINED REFTEL. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONSULT WITH GOP AT  
APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO DETERMINE PANAMANIAN THINKING ON HOW  
MEETINGS WILL BE STRUCTURED IN TERMS PRESENTATIONS, ORDER  
OF TOPICS, ETC. FOLLOWING RECEIPT PANAMANIAN VIEWS, WE  
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WILL INFORM OTHER POSTS.

2. BEARING IN MIND THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO MIGHT NOT ATTEND  
FIRST MEETING AND THAT ATTENDANCE AT SECOND MEETING ON  
JUNE 17 IS LIKELY TO BE REDUCED, WHAT GENERAL TOPICS SHOULD  
BE DISCUSSED AT FIRST MEETING? WOULD HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES BE AGREEABLE TO PANAMA? LATTER TOPIC

COULD BE CARRIED OVER TO SECOND MEETING IF MORE TIME NEEDED. THIS WOULD LEAVE OTHER TOPICS (PEACEKEEPING AND REGIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES)FOR SECOND MEETING IF PANAMA AGREES.

3. DOES GENERAL TORRIJOS PLAN TO MAKE BRIEF INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AT FIRST AND SECOND MEETINGS? WE BELIEVE THIS

WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SET STAGE AND GET CONVERSATION LAUNCHED. WOULD HE BE WILLING TO CONCLUDE SECOND MEETING WITH BRIEF REMARKS? WE ALSO ASK THAT THE GOP CONSIDER -- PERHAPS IN LIEU OF INTRODUCTIONS -- A SCENARIO IN WHICH GENERAL TORRIJOS AT FIRST MEETING WOULD LEAD OFF WITH A GENERAL OBJECTIVE FOR FIRST TOPIC DISCUSSED ON WHICH HE THINKS THERE IS CONSENSUS, AND FOLLOW WITH QUESTIONS ON HOW THAT OBJECTIVE COULD BE FURTHERED. SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD ASSIST IN GUIDING AND DISCUSSION.

4. PLEASE ALSO OBTAIN PANAMANIAN VIEWS ON IDEA OF SELECTED COS INITIATING DIALOGUE IN SIMILAR WAY FOR EACH SUBJECT. IF AGREEABLE, WHO WOULD THEY BE? PERHAPS INITIAL INTERVENTION AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS COULD BE HELD TO THREE MINUTES TO ALLOW FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BEARING IN MIND THAT AGENDA IS LONG FOR TIME AVAILABLE.

5. ANY OTHER GOP SUGGESTIONS FOR STRUCTURING OF MULTI-CONFIDENTIAL

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LATERAL MEETINGS WOULD BE HELPFUL AND WE OF COURSE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THEM AS WELL AS RESPONSES TO ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO ADVISE OTHER POSTS TOMORROW. CHRISTOPHER

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